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WATSON AND CULCLASURE WIN PRESTIGIOUS FED 100 AWARD

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PEO EIS is proud to recognize two of its own as recipients of the 2017 Federal 100 Award. Ms. Terry Watson, deputy PEO EIS, and COL Harry Culclasure, project manager, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP), have been selected as winners of the prestigious award, which is sponsored by FCW. Each "Fed 100" Award is presented to a government, industry or academic leader who has played a pivotal role in how the federal government acquires, develops and manages information technology (IT).

Ms. Watson, while serving as the acting PEO from November 2015 to November 2016, led PEO EIS through a number of exciting milestones directly supporting Army readiness and providing total visibility into the alignment of people, funding and equipment in real time, dramatically improving decision making. Under her leadership, Defensive Cyber Operations successfully produced three garrison prototype systems to protect Army cyber security, the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) reached full deployment and Home Station Mission Command Centers – a top priority for Army leadership – executed the first hardware buy among other significant milestones.

As the board-select project manager for AESIP, COL Culclasure successfully managed cost, schedule and performance of AESIP programs, while leading over a thousand government and contractor personnel and supporting over 200,000 users worldwide. Under his leadership in 2016, Global Combat Support System – Army was fielded to nearly 600 tactical Army units while converting over \$155 billion in property, LMP Increment 2 was completed and better buying power efforts resulted in the award of a \$846 million small business multiple award indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract as part of a \$3 billion strategy to build Army sustainment capability.

Ms. Watson and COL Culclasure will be honored at the upcoming Fed 100 Awards gala on March 30, at the Grand Hyatt Washington. You can read about all the 2017 winners here: <https://fcw.com/articles/2017/02/07/2017-federal-100-winners.aspx>.

Congratulations Ms. Watson and COL Culclasure on a well-deserved honor!

BABBITT PROMOTED TO COLONEL

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LTG(R) Phillips (l) and COL Babbitt (r) at the Jan. 6 ceremony.

Joel D. Babbitt, product lead, Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS), was promoted to the rank of Colonel on Jan. 6, in a ceremony led by LTG(R) William Phillips, former military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), at Humphreys Hall on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. LTG(R) Phillips presented COL Babbitt his promotion certificate signed by the Secretary of the Army and COL Babbitt's rank insignia was pinned on by his wife, Kristen, along with three of their four children and COL Babbitt's parents.

During the ceremony, LTG(R) Phillips spoke highly of every member of the Babbitt family and singled out son James, who received his Eagle Scout rank later that afternoon, remarking, "They are getting two Eagles the same day!" LTG(R) Phillips praised COL Babbitt, saying, "Just as he has done with the special operations

community, PEO C3T and now with PEO EIS, Joel will continue to do amazing things for our Army. You have a bright future in acquisition!"

COL Babbitt has served in the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps as a product manager for nine years, managing over \$4 billion during that time. His biggest accomplishments include delivering the first "flying command post" to the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, bringing secure internet protocol Wi-Fi to the tactical Army's command posts and modernizing the Army's tactical internet as the product manager for Warfighter Information Network – Tactical Increment 1. COL Babbitt also served as the program manager for Command, Control, Communications, Computing and Intelligence Systems for an U.S. Special Operations Command unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

COL Babbitt credited the many positive influences of family and mentors for his successes. "I'm certainly smart enough to know that getting promoted to Colonel was only a small part my own doing – a very small part," he remarked. "It is, instead, mostly the result of the efforts of my home family, my work family, a few key mentors and a few key interventions." COL Babbitt will continue serving as the product lead for WESS until he reports for Senior Service College this July.

ITES-3H NOW FEATURED ON REVERSE AUCTION

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Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions' (CHESSE) newest capability, Reverse Auction, now features the Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – 3 Hardware (ITES-3H) contract vehicle. Previously, the Reverse Auction Capability offered the Army Desktop Mobile Computing – 2 and Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – Software contract vehicles, which include commodity purchases of commercial off-the-shelf desktops, notebooks, monitors, printers, software products and related services that have obtained a full certificate of networkiness. With the addition of ITES-3H, customers are now able to use the Reverse Auction Capability to compete requirements for servers, workstations, networking equipment, multifunctional devices, VTC equipment and peripherals.

Since its launch in January 2016, the CHESSE Reverse Auction Capability has processed over 194 auctions resulting in an estimated cost avoidance of \$2.5 million. The Reverse Auction Capability utilizes the familiar framework of the user-friendly CHESSE request for quote tool and is open to all federal, DOD and Army customers through the CHESSE IT e-mart. Ordering is decentralized and there is no CHESSE fee. For more information about ITES-3H and the Reverse Auction Capability, visit the CHESSE IT e-mart at <https://chess.army.mil> or contact the CHESSE Customer Support Center at armychess@mail.mil or 1-888-232-4405.

ACQUISITION BUSINESS ROLLS OUT CCAR PROOF-OF-CONCEPT

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Quality control over acquisition financial management involves requirements that are validated, developed and delivered as well as meet a specific need within a program manager's (PM) mission. For over 10 years, the U.S. Air Force has used the Comprehensive Cost and Requirements (CCaR) system, a government off-the-shelf system, to document program and financial requirements and track the execution of appropriated funds. Recently, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS) and Acquisition Business (AcqBusiness) began collaborating on implementing the CCaR system as a proof-of-concept (PoC) to assess the benefits and impacts of using CCaR as a standardized program management and reporting tool within PEO EIS.

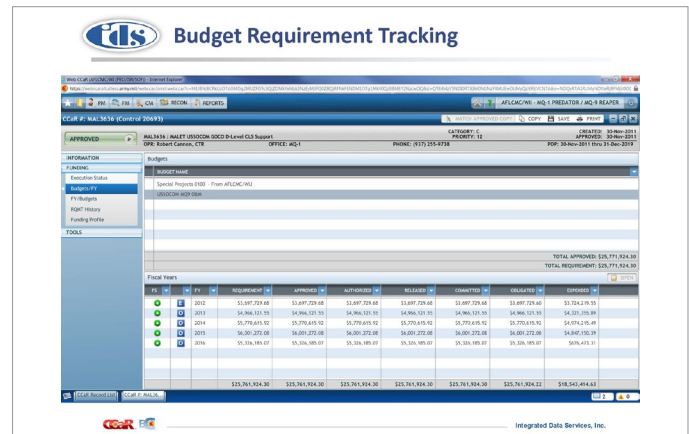
In CCaR, identified requirements include the duration, cost, basis of estimate, period of performance, funding type, funding amount and financial execution status of each item or service. It also includes capabilities that support contract management, program management and executive reporting. "There are many possible benefits for adopting CCaR," said Ms. Kelly Waymire, business management director, DCATS. "One of the key PoC success criteria is to reduce the time and effort needed to support the DCATS quarterly performance review."

DCATS anticipates that CCaR will provide the program management office with key information for use in activities associated with the annual budget cycle, such as the program objective memorandum and budget cut drills. Other efficiencies may include reducing the time and effort for creation, review and approval of spend plans and service contract approval request.

For more information on CCaR, visit www.webccar.com/.



The CCaR tool provides program management, financial management, contract management reconciliation and reporting functions.



CCaR offers a core capability of linking requirements to funding execution.

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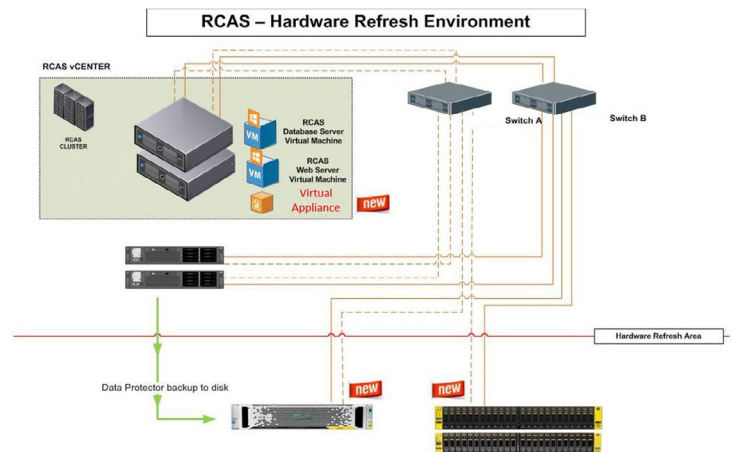
RCAS PROVIDES INFRASTRUCTURE REFRESH TO THE ARNG

BY MS. ANGELA GREEN-MACK, CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, RCAS

In March 2015, the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) began a two-phased process of refreshing and modernizing the RCAS servers, storage and backup solution infrastructure at all Army National Guard (ARNG) sites. Phase one, completed in May 2015, provided servers that would host the virtual platform and allow for sites to expand their capabilities beyond RCAS, allow for systems consolidation, increased productivity and cost reduction. In May 2016, RCAS began phase two of the infrastructure refresh effort, with the replacement, modernization and expansion of existing storage and backup solutions.

Working with ARNG G6 leadership and the ARNG data processing advisory committee, RCAS gathered functional requirements that allowed for storage growth beyond the current RCAS suite of applications and also allowed for system consolidation providing future capabilities for ARNG sites. These future capabilities include development and expansion of the continuity of operations plans of the states and territories, which will allow them to maintain mission critical operations after any emergency or disaster. All RCAS ARNG storage and backup solution migrations are scheduled for completion by April 2017.

For more information on the RCAS Infrastructure Refresh effort, please contact Ms. Angela Green-Mack, chief technology officer, at 703-806-3089 or at angela.d.green-mack.civ@mail.mil.



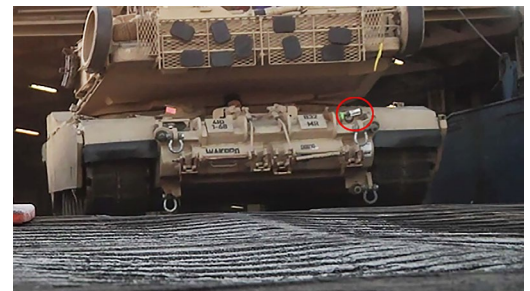
TRACKING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE 3RD ARMORED COMBAT BRIGADE TEAM

BY MR. BOB CARPENTER, SYSTEMS ANALYST, AMIS

The latest action under Operation Atlantic Resolve, began in December 2016 with the deployment of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3ABCT), 4th Infantry Division (Iron Brigade), stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado. Operation Atlantic Resolve is an ongoing U.S. operation in Europe in support of NATO allies. Essential to planning and tracking this and other deployments are the systems maintained by Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (AMIS).

Prior to leaving Fort Carson, the 3ABCT's M1 Abrams tanks, M2 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles, tracked field artillery, logistics support vehicles and other support equipment were documented in the AMIS Transportation Coordinators' Automated Information for Movement System (TC-AIMS II). Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags written by TC-AIMS II were then placed upon 2,180 items of equipment. These RFID tags allowed the equipment to be tracked from home station to the port of Beaumont, Texas. The equipment was then transported in three vessels to Bremerhaven, Germany, arriving in January. Once the cargo was offloaded in Bremerhaven, the RFID tags were used to track the unit's equipment to exercise sites in Poland using the web-based AMIS Radio Frequency – In-Transit Visibility (RF-ITV) tracking portal.

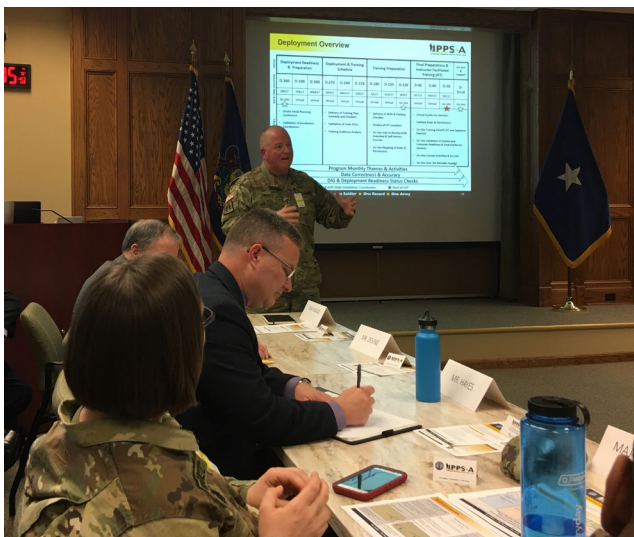
In-transit visibility is an essential element of situational awareness which provides commanders and logisticians at all levels with mission-critical logistics information. AMIS' TC-AIMS II and RF-ITV play a key role in providing in-transit visibility within the DOD supply chain.



3ABCT M1 Tank off-loading from vessel in Bremerhaven, Germany. Photo from video by SGT Jacob Holmes, 24th Press Camp Headquarters.

IPPS-A CONDUCTS FIRST D-360 COMMAND BRIEF WITH PA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

BY MR. FRED BROWN, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS, IPPS-A



CW4 Troy Skaggs (standing), the IPPS-A National Guard liaison officer, briefs the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania along with senior leaders from across the PAARNG on the IPPS-A deployment process on Jan. 25 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

The Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A) conducted its first “D-360” command brief, a deployment overview for the next year, with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, from Jan. 25-26, 2017. To kick off the event, IPPS-A leadership briefed the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Carrelli, along with key leaders from across the PAARNG on the critical Release Two testing and deployment activities. The IPPS-A team discussed how they will measure and monitor the overall deployment readiness status of the PAARNG, identify deployment milestones and address issues and concerns. While Brig. Gen. Carrelli and his staff had questions concerning future releases, they are excited Pennsylvania is the first to field IPPS-A. “We’re right up front and happy to do it,” said Brig. Gen. Carrelli. “Pennsylvania is a great start for IPPS-A, with our size and the variety of missions we do. We look forward to shaping this system.”

The following day, IPPS-A requirements and management branch chief, MAJ Erica Miller, provided a demonstration to HR professionals from Pennsylvania’s joint force headquarters highlighting many of the changes in the way they will do business

once IPPS-A is fully deployed. The group was able to ask questions about the system and give feedback. “IPPS-A is such a change to how we operate on a daily basis,” said COL James “Darby” McNulty, project manager, IPPS-A. “Getting an opportunity to show the workings of IPPS-A and get feedback will go a long way to helping us make sure we are putting out the best system possible.”

A benefit of the IPPS-A release will be a reduction of the 146 business processes HR professionals use to make changes to personnel records, giving them the ability to perform their jobs faster and with more accuracy. “I’m excited that I’ll have just one system to update Army Physical Fitness Test and height and weight instead of having to input that information into three systems,” said SSG Paula Douglas, an HR professional in the PAARNG. “Another thing I am looking forward to is the ability of my Soldiers to be able to upload their own documents, so all I have to do is verify them.”

The demonstration also explained how IPPS-A will allow users to process awards and pay as well as provide access to a Soldier’s service record data. “This is not just a G-1, S-1 or personnel system, this is an everyday system and everyone will have a role in it,” said COL Gregory Johnson, functional management division chief, IPPS-A. “This is a system that will help commanders and staff track readiness and help create visibility across the Army’s Total Force.”

Over the next 360 days, the IPPS-A team will conduct a series of working groups and test events to provide independent validation that the program is ready to be fielded in a phased deployment. Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware Army National Guards are the next fielding groups to enter the D-360 process, scheduled to begin in April 2017.



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